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In re Application of: Richard S. Norek]
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For: DESERT BOOT OUTSOLE]

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL ON THE GROUND OF
APPLICANT'S AGE
(37 CFR 1.102(c) AND MPEP § 708.02)

Applicant hereby petitions to make this application special on the basis of the Applicant's age.

Accompanying this petition is a declaration by the Applicant attesting to his age.

No fee is required with this petition, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.102(c).

Respectfully submitted,

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To the Commissioner for Patents:

I, Richard S. Norek, the Applicant in the above captioned patent application, hereby state that I have reached the age of sixty-five (65) years, and having attained said age, I believe that my application is entitled to special status according to regulation 37 CFR 1.102(c).

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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